

GOV. GARDNER HAS NEW TAX SCHEME

NEGOTIATES WITH LEGISLATURE FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING STATUTES.

TO ELIMINATE INEQUALITIES

Not to Collect Any Direct Taxes for Use of State, but Commonwealth Shall Derive Income by Indirect Methods.

Jefferson City, Mo. Negotiations looking to a reform of the unfair taxation system of Missouri and a settlement of the vexatious problems of assessment through legislation which will completely separate the sources of state and local revenues are being conducted by Gov. Gardner with members of the legislature, Democratic and Republican.

The proposition being considered is that the state shall not collect any direct taxes for state purposes, leaving the direct taxation to provide the funds for county, municipal and local purposes solely and instead shall derive all its revenue from an increased tax on corporations and franchises, a more comprehensive and better producing income tax, from the tax on banks and from such other indirect means as may be determined by the legislature.

Under the present laws the state tax rate for state purposes is 15 cents on the \$100 valuation, with an additional rate of 3 cents on the \$100 for the payment of interest on the state capital bonds. This rate applies over the entire state.

As a result of the system, Missouri probably has the most unequal system of taxation of any state in the country, through the failure of the assessors to assess property at its real value. In a county in which the needs for local revenue are small, property is assessed at only a fraction of its value. In other counties where the local needs are greater, property is assessed at a much higher value. In consequence these counties have to pay a large proportion of the state's expenses.

Advocates of the plan being considered say that if no state revenue is derived from direct property taxes, each county will be free to assess property at any proportion of its value they see fit for local needs, without any injustice being done to other portions of the state, each county being dependent on itself alone for its local revenues.

Thus if one county needed only a small revenue, it could fix its tax rate on any assessed valuation to meet its needs, while another county needing more revenue, could fix its tax rate at a higher figure, or assess property at or near its true value.

May Oppose Police Salary Raise.

No argument has been made before the house committee on Municipal Corporations in behalf of the St. Louis police salary bill when the members of the committee indicated they might possibly be adverse to bill to increase the salary of policemen in Kansas City.

When Representative Keenan of Kansas City spoke in behalf of the increase in salaries in Kansas City, Representative Razovsky of St. Louis asked him if it was not a political move.

Keenan declared that the patrolmen of his city were only asking for an increase of \$25 a month. They now receive \$80 a month.

Vouchers in Question.

Representative Dyott, Republican floor leader, has called a caucus of the Republican members to investigate a couple of vouchers which have been made out and apparently paid to B. L. Guffy, a Republican politician, whose name is on the payroll as a "journal clerk." Dyott said he is well acquainted with Guffy, and that Guffy had not been in Jefferson City since the legislature met, Jan. 10.

The first voucher drawn in favor of Guffy was executed Jan. 16 for \$21, as compensation for six days' work. The second voucher was drawn Jan. 31 for \$56, and is pay for 16 days' work at \$3.50 per day.

The vouchers were drawn on Auditor Hackmann on legislative scrip issued by William G. Kitchen, chief clerk of the house.

The auditor has no choice in the matter, but is compelled to pay these vouchers as they are presented.

Referendum Discussed.

Many inquiries are being made here concerning the likelihood of the liquor interests launching a move to submit Peanut candy is for the young who do not fear the dentist.

Loafing is as dull work as drudging.

It requires a certain type of literary taste to appreciate Isaak Walton. One may not have it.

If one thinks it amusing to hear broken English spoken, how much enjoyment must the French get out of our boys efforts to speak the language.

WHEN TO CACKLE.

By C. Horatio Warrick.

"Taint no fair to cackle when the other chicken lays. Reading Colored papers that the other fellow buys. Send in your subscription, and the 'SUN' will come to you. Then rear-back, and cackle, cause you're laying 'Nest eggs too."

What? It aint my business to be butting in, you say? Anything that's "SAMBO'S" just the same belongs to me; And I am my rights within, any old time, or place. To boost a cause that's worthy, and is lifting up my race.

Early in the morning just before the frost is gone. Send in your subscription to "THE KANSAS CITY SUN." It will rise, and you'll rise with it, and by the time its noon. The RACE, YOU, and the PAPER will be given JUSTICE soon.

If you think I'm joking (which would be nothing new). You just ask SAM and BETTY, they'll tell you what to do; You read there of the NEGRO, and his strong desire to rise Above the "Common Quick Sand" that he wades in to his eyes.

You read of Crimes, and Crises, that's heaped upon our Race. By that predominance, that wears the pale, Red Face; That hypocritical people, that says to you, and me— "To war, to war, my Comrades, fight for democracy."

And when we cry "WE'RE COMING, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND STRONG."

Hoping that mobs, and lynching, will also "Come along," WE'RE COMING, YES WE'RE COMING, they tell us to keep "MUM."

That those are "LOCAL MATTERS," we'll thrash them out at home Let's watch these "Local Matters," let's see just what is done. YOU ASK ME WHERE? REMEMBER "THE KANSAS CITY SUN."

SECRETARY LANE SPEAKS AT HAMPTON.

Hampton, Va.—Secretary Franklin K. Lane was the Founder's Day speaker at Hampton Institute on Sunday, January 26. Principal James E. Gregg introduced him as "a high minded servant of the people—a man who has shown forward-looking care for the welfare and happiness of all the people." Secretary Lane said:

Armstrong's Lasting Monument.

"General Armstrong needs no monument other than Hampton Institute, born out of the spirit of helpfulness, charity, tolerance, faith—a spirit that represents the new day and not the day that is past."

"I doubt if there is a single man who has lived in this country who has more certainly pointed the way to the character of education that will obtain in the United States in the future than General Armstrong. He foresaw the thing that was needed for the making of a democracy and he put into this institution a theory of education, a philosophy reaching far further than the colored man, which will be a standard for us throughout the United States. The best of his philosophy was that men and women must work. If you want civilized men, they must be working men. If you want men of culture—and not a superficial culture—they must be men who have woven into their natures the power to do."

Square Deal for All Men.

Secretary Lane paid a warm tribute to the splendid work of nearly 400,000 colored soldiers, of whose record, he declared, men from any part of the world might well feel proud. Addressing the great Hampton audience, he said: "And you are to have a part in the making of this new America—in exploiting the possibilities of it. No race, no people can with assurance say that they express the last word of civilization."

"The foundation of our country is tolerance, fair play, the square deal. We want to see here man, as man, given his chance. There may be differences between men, and we know there are—physical, mental, moral; but they are all men and all are to have their chance and we all are to join in the making of America."

Old Spirituals.

The Hampton choir, and later the entire Hampton school, sang to Secretary Lane and other Founder's Day guests a number of the "old spirituals," including "I Want to Be Ready," "I Am Rolling Through This Unfriendly World," "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "My Lord, What a Morning."

Crap Shooters, Beware

HOUSE BILL NO. 248.
50th General Assembly.

Introduced by Mr. Hostetter (by request.)
Read first time January 21, 1919.
and 500 copies ordered printed.

W. G. KITCHEN, Chief Clerk.

AN ACT

Making it unlawful for any person to own or to have in his possession or under his control or upon his premises for any purpose whatsoever any dice or device commonly called craps, and providing a penalty for the violation hereof.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or have in his possession or under his control or upon his premises, either for sale or for gambling purposes or for any other purpose whatsoever, any dice or device commonly called craps. For every violation hereof, such person shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

Dr. Du Bois Cables.

January 30, 1919.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through its Secretary, John R. Shillady, makes public a cablegram received from Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois. Dr. Du Bois is now in Paris representing the National Association especially for the purpose of calling a Pan African Congress in that city in order to impress upon the peace delegates the internationalization of the former German colonies in Africa. A memorandum prepared by Dr. Du Bois some weeks ago has already been placed in the hands of Colonel House of the American delegation.

Dispatches from Paris yesterday show that President Wilson has already proposed internationalization as the solution of the problem of the former German African colonies. The cablegram follows:

"Clemenceau permits Pan-African Conference February 12, 13, 14, North, South America, West Indies, Africa, represented. Two of our delegates, Haiti, Liberia, sit in Peace Conference."

Bishop's Council Meets.

The bishops of the A. M. E. Church will meet in a Bishops Council at Tampa, Fla., February 12.



REV. WM. H. THOMAS, D. D.

Who is delivering a series of sermons each Sunday that are not only spell-binding but are classics. Intellectuals of both cities flock to hear this brilliant gospel man who is in a class with Reverdy, Ransom, Bishops Coplin and Johnson, and our own Dr. Vernon.

U. S. Negroes Can't Attend Pan-African Congress.

State Department Refuses Delegations Passports to Paris—Considers Present Time Unfavorable for the Meeting.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Passports for Negroes desiring to attend a Pan-African congress at Paris have been refused by the State Department, which announced today that the French government did not consider the present a favorable time to hold such a conference.

The Department issued the following statement:

"The State Department has been approached by various Negro delegations with a view to sending representatives to Paris to participate in a Pan-African congress composed of colored people from different parts of the world. The Department has been in touch with the French government on the subject and is now in a position to state that the French government has not been approached, but does not consider this a favorable time to hold such a conference."

In the circumstances the Department will be unable to grant passports to persons desiring to proceed to Paris for the purpose of attending such a congress.

Negro Girl Appointed.

For the first time in the history of Illinois a young colored woman, Miss Lillian M. Hunt, of Chicago, has been appointed one of the clerks and stenographers of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Illinois. There are about seven other ladies holding such a position but they are all white.

As to the great necessity of such an organization as the N. N. C. C. L. of A.; as to the great good it will accomplish at this timely hour and the favor it is meeting with throughout the country, was eminently demonstrated Monday night, February 3, 1919, at a meeting held by the most prominent Negroes of Independence, Missouri, in the U. B. F. Hall.

This meeting was a great success and everyone present pledged their hearty support to the League. Officers were duly elected who unanimously pledged their unstinted efforts toward this great undertaking.

The following are the officers of the Independence Local:

Dr. S. H. Griffin, President.
Theo. Jesse, Secretary.
Official Workers: Mr. Charles Roberts, Mr. Charles Bryant, Mr. Frank Wilson, Mr. Emmitt Gordon, Mr. Quince Law.

N. N. C. C. L. OF A.

Justice and Justice ONLY is our aim. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

With your assistance we cannot fail. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

Unity of action is what won the War; unity of action will win our Cause. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

You helped others, now help yourself. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

You have been true to your country; now be true to your Race. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

UNITED we succeed; divided we fail. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

The League is for YOU. Are YOU for it? If so—JOIN THE LEAGUE.

Though organized in Kansas City, it is national in scope. JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you wish mob violence stopped, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you wish Jim Crowism wiped out, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you wish disfranchisement to cease, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you wish the black man to have a square deal, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you wish discrimination eliminated, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you want the 14th and 15th Amendments enforced, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

If you want to see real democracy in America, JOIN THE LEAGUE.

The sooner you join the League, the sooner it will accomplish its object and purpose.

JOIN NOW—JOIN NOW—JOIN THE LEAGUE.

The cordial and enthusiastic support being given Mr. George W. K. Love in his new theatrical venture should inspire every business man in this city and should be a source of pride to the race that we are beginning to appreciate and patronize our own institutions with consistency. But where in all this city can you get such clean, decent, high class treatment as is accorded our people by Mr. Love? The pictures that we are not permitted to see in the theaters downtown on account of racial discrimination can be seen there; the only house catering to Colored people in the city that shows the latest and best high class pictures. And then the unpleasant odors and vile remarks that are heard at some of the dumps controlled by whites for our people are wholly missing here. With new gold screen, elegant shaded floor lamps, thick, luxurious carpets on the aisles, seals all painted white and scrupulously neat, a great pipe organ that renders entrancing music skillfully played by one of our own girls and courteous and attentive ushers, what more could we ask in the way of an evening's entertainment? The Sun congratulates Mr. Love on his fine long felt want in this community and predicts for him remarkable success.

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The daily papers of last Tuesday made the statement that Thomas J. Hightower of Leavenworth, Kansas, was knocked down and run over by a car owned and driven by Mr. S. J. Hightower.

Mr. Hightower says these are the facts: That he was driving east on Eleventh street and just as he neared the corner where the Liberty Thrift Stamp booth is located, the old gentleman stepped from behind the booth to start across the street and then, not noticing the car approaching, attempted to return to the walk, but in his hurry stumbled and fell directly in the path of the car which was moving slowly, throwing him to one side, inflicting a scalp wound. Mr. Hightower is one of our best citizens, owns his own car and has the reputation of being a careful driver, and Mr. P. J. Cunningham, a white man, who witnessed the occurrence, says Mr. Hightower is wholly and absolutely without blame.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad and loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Ella Ford, who passed away five years ago February 5, 1914.

"A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled."

Eva Ford,
Ollie Ford,
Alberta Ford,
Harry Ford,
Wiley Ford,
Earl Ford,
Roy Ford, Children.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the citizens at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening, February 14, at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee which is to make recommendations with reference to the disposal of the \$700.00 which was raised for the Funston Community House.

GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday, February 2, the Sunday School, was good. Supt. E. R. Verne opened up and everything was in order.

Dr. A. Moore, the pastor, preached at 11 A. M. Subject "What God Hath Joined Together." Many points were brought out on the great marriage question. Dr. Moore is preparing a series of sermons which will be composed in a book entitled "Moore" on the marriage question.

If all sermons measure up to the one preached by Rev. Moore Sunday morning they will be a great help to all readers. The B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. was good.

At night the pastor preached his farewell sermon. His subject Sunday night was "Tribulations of the World." Dr. Moore will be on his way to Europe in a few days. Galilee and Kansas City will miss this great hero of the gospel. His many friends could but say "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

DEPUTY N. S. ADKINS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY EDUCATOR.

N. S. Adkins, deputy for the American Woodmen, 1612 East Twelfth street, was enjoying his noonday repast at Compton's well known restaurant not long since, when a crowd of school children came trooping in, crowded around the tables, satisfying their appetites and enjoying themselves in a quiet way. Deputy Adkins was deeply interested and impressed to learn that these children were pupils from the Atchison school, of which Prof. W. H. Harrison, a man whose business acumen and race pride are so strongly apparent is principal. Mr. Harrison is instilling into the minds of the boys and girls, whose characters he is helping to form, teaching them early to patronize race enterprise, inculcating in their minds the necessity and the beauty of aiding and upholding their own, showing them by precept and example that no race is considered above his own. What a boon to the race are men like W. H. Harrison! And what a strong race we will be in the next century when men of his kind have completed their task.

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JUDGE MAYO TO BE EXTRADITED.

"Judge" Mayo, formerly a resident of Chicago but recently a real estate operator at Gary, Ind., is under arrest at Indianapolis, Ind. Attorney R. E. Westbrook has just returned from Indiana where he had a conference with the governor about his extradition. The governor will decide the matter March 18th.

President of Pora College Suffers Breakdown.

Mr. Aaron E. Malone, president of Pora College, suffered a severe nervous breakdown on Monday of this week. Dr. Tinsley, his physician, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Malone's condition was due to overwork and ordered a complete rest for him. Mr. and Mrs. Malone left St. Louis Tuesday night for a rest.

The Kansas Bar Association completed the annual session at Topeka and closed with a banquet at night. The officers elected were: John C. Hogan, Belleville, president; J. D. Houston, Wichita, vice president; D. A. Valentine, Clay Center, secretary; J. G. Stonecker, Topeka, treasurer.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL OVER KANSAS

Happenings of More or Less Interest Gathered From Many Sources.

LAWYERS MAKE GOOD IN WAR

Out of 193 Kansas Attorneys Who Entered the Army Service, 321 Became Officers.

In an address before the State Bar Association at Topeka, Senator A. M. Keene of Fort Scott told the lawyers that 193 Kansas attorneys were in the army during the recent war and 121 became officers. He stated that of this number two were brigadier generals, two colonels, two lieutenant colonels, six majors, twelve captains, twenty-nine first lieutenants, fifty-two second lieutenants, eleven sergeants, five corporals, fifteen privates and the grade of fifty-seven was not known to the speaker.

Mr. Keene gave an idea of the extent to which the law schools of the nation have been depleted by the war. He said:

"At the opening of the law schools in 1918 the loss in attendance was 75 per cent. Fourteen law schools have suspended operations entirely and have quietly given up the ghost."

Mr. Keene spoke on the rapid "evolution" and changes in the profession from that of comparatively a few years ago when budding legal geni gained their schooling in law offices, while now practically all law students attend law schools. He declared that the "age of commercialism" of recent years had spread that "dire plague of 'modification' over the profession and has 'destroyed its science,' as it existed under the common law.

That fraternity and sorority men and women at the University of Kansas lead in class work is the report made public by George O. Foster, registrar, in announcing the grade averages for the past term. The average grade made by all students at the university was 69.9 per cent, or 1 per cent below a passing mark. The women's secret societies outstripped the men's organizations in class work, according to Mr. Foster's report. The Kappa Alpha Theta membership averaged a grade of 93.59 per cent and every one of the women's organizations made an average higher than a passing grade. The Delta Tau Delta fraternity topped the list of men's organizations in scholarship with an average of 76.93 per cent.

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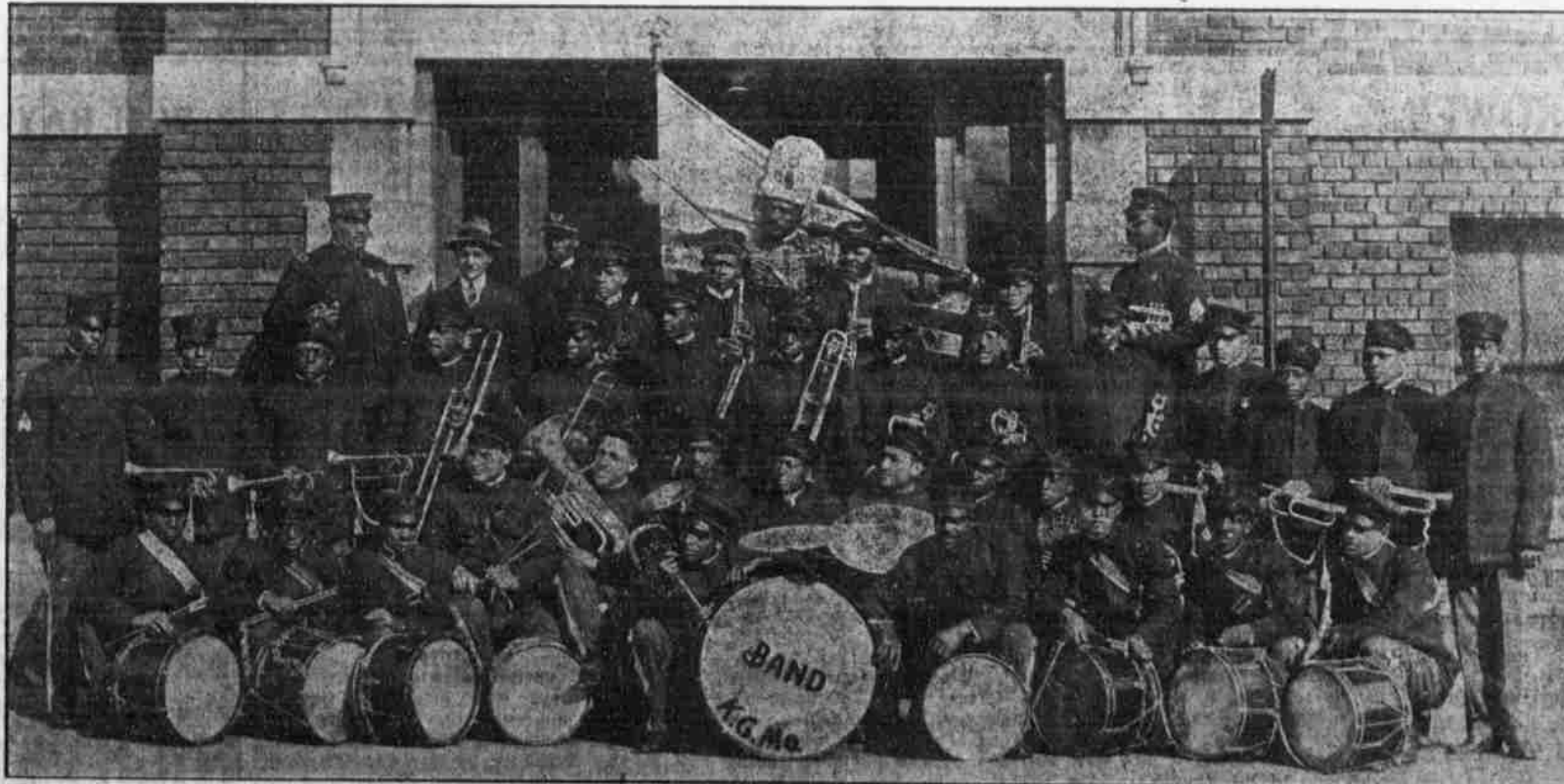
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THE FAMOUS SECOND REGIMENT BAND, K. OF P.
Also the Official B. L. I. P. U. of A. Band which covered itself with glory at Convention Hall on the occasion of the commencement of the 300 years in America.